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This fact sheet is provided as a reference to encourage a greater understanding of the various issues related to managing water in South Florida.

## Landscape Irrigation Restrictions For portions of Orange County except the Town of Windermere

Areas of Orange County within the boundaries of the South Florida Water Management District, except the Town of Windermere, shall follow the landscape irrigation restrictions established by the St. Johns River Water Management District. This schedule is in effect during Eastern Standard Time, from the first Sunday in November until the second Sunday in March.

## Restrictions

- Irrigation is prohibited between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.
- During Eastern Standard Time (the first Sunday in November until the second Sunday in March) irrigation is limited to no more than one day per week on scheduled days.
- Odd-numbered residential addresses or locations without an address may irrigate on Saturdays.
- Even-numbered residential addresses may irrigate on Sundays.
- Nonresidential irrigation is allowed on Tuesdays.
- Irrigation is limited to no more than one hour per irrigation zone per irrigation day.
- Irrigation is limited to only that amount necessary to meet landscape needs.
- Irrigation limitations apply to water withdrawn from ground or surface water, from a private well or pump or from a public or private utility.
- Irrigating with an automatic lawn irrigation system installed after May 1991 requires the installation, maintenance and operation of a rain sensor device or switch that overrides the system when adequate rainfall has occurred.

## **Exceptions**

- Irrigation using a micro-spray, micro-jet, drip or bubbler irrigation system is allowed anytime.
- Irrigation of new landscape is allowed at any time of day on any day for the
  initial 30 days and every other day for the next 30 days for a total of one 60day period, provided that the irrigation is limited to the minimum amount
  necessary for establishment.
- Watering in of chemicals, including insecticides, pesticides, fertilizers, fungicides and herbicides when required by law, the manufacturer or best management practices, is allowed anytime within 24 hours of application. Watering in of chemicals may not exceed ¼ inch of water per application except as otherwise required by law, the manufacturer or best management practices.
- Irrigation systems may be operated anytime for maintenance and repair purposes, not to exceed 20 minutes per hour per zone.
- Irrigation using a hand-held hose equipped with a spray nozzle that can be adjusted so water flows only as needed is allowed anytime.



For more information on this subject, scan this QR code using a barcode reader app on your smartphone.



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- The use of water from a reclaimed water system is allowed anytime. A reclaimed water system includes systems in which the primary source is reclaimed water, which may or may not be supplemented from another source during peak demand periods.
- The use of recycled water from wet detention treatment ponds for irrigation is allowed anytime provided the ponds are not augmented from any ground or off-site surface water or public supply sources.

For more information about water restrictions in Orange County except the Town of Windermere, visit the St. Johns River Water Management District website at <a href="https://www.sjrwmd.com">www.sjrwmd.com</a>.